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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Jan 24, 2020—7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ****Church of the Cross, 1517 S114th**
MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, cookies, raffle, bring something to show and tell to the meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Jan 21, 2020-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM ****Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.**

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS



President's Message

Fellow Omahawks,

By the time you read this message, Christmas will be in the rear-view mirror. We certainly hope you are having a fun and family filled Holiday Season!

Reflecting on this past flying season, it was a banner year in many ways! We had the runway replaced and other major field improvements, the training program was very active, we had an increase in special events, a premier Midwest Pattern contest, membership moved back up to 148 members from 120, lots of brats and burgers (thanks Dennis!), 4 float fly's, another successful Labor Day (\$4,000 to Make-A-Wish) and lots of fun at the field!

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Looking forward to next year we see several things in the crystal ball:

- Improved toilet facilities
- Pavilion deck expansion
- Even a few more events
- Introduction of night flying
- Enhanced social media and web site
- More community outreach
- Continued/enhanced youth outreach
- Lots of fun flying and camaraderie!

Hope you are at least thinking about repairing/building/assembling some aircraft for next spring. Also, don't forget about all the indoor flying choices. Until we meet again....

Kindest Regards,

Rick Sessions

Omahawks Business Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2019

Board meeting attendees:

Luke, Cole, Rick S, Norris, David (Skippy), Tom, Hague, Rick H, Dennis, Paul
Visitors Cindy, Natasha (Skippy's wife)

Treasurer's Report for the year was, read, reviewed and accepted. Membership count 29 + 1 today

Newsletter: Possibly have some help for Joe. We plan to provide a summary copy twice a year to City workers, Police and Fire Departments.

Editor's Note: Thanks to the volunteers for stepped up; **Joe will setup a Newsletter Working Session to iron out basic roles and responsibilities!**

Old Business:

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Field: Have 50 lbs. of Grass seed and straw to be put down, possibly now that we have had some moisture. Cole will make the decision on when. We will need only a couple of people to help with that. (Job done on 12/20/19 by Cole, Rick S, Tom G.)

Port-A-Potty: Had a strong concerned comment about the structure's placement near the kiosk. The location was chosen to be cost effective, easy access, and accessibility for maintenance. Discussion was held and Board decided to proceed as planned because of future improvements to pavilion, not wanting it too close to the eating area, adding a cost-effective concrete slab and access for servicing. (The structure will mirror the existing kiosk metal wall and have an access door on field side, so the structure will blend in visually.)

Web site improvements: Committee met in November. Mikey has been working on it, and a Beta site should be up for Board Review early in January 2020.

Officer/Board: Projects Assignments

President: Training, Member Growth, Training Welcome/tracking, Meetings (member & board): **Rick**

V.P.: Field improvement, Pres. In training, Drone integration, regulations- **Luke**

Secretary: Build program, EAA/CAP/STEM interface--**Paul**

Treasurer: Membership processing, check writing, financials, Web site, data base--**Kevin**

Board #1: Social Media, Marketing, Youth Outreach—**Norris**

Board #2: Events—**Skippy**

Board #3: Social, New Member Welcome—**Tom G**

Board #4: Community Outreach—**Rick H**

Field Chair: **Cole**

Safety: **Dennis Bender, Bob Wheeler**

Field Article Submission to AMA magazine: This is being handled by Luke and Norris.

Flite Test Build at Benny's Man cave

Beny has a 2 bay Gas Station that he has converted into a workshop. He has a car lift in there to work on cars and uses it for the usual model building/repair. Has a 3D printer and laser cutter for making his own parts as well as a lathe and paint booth. There were 12 people attending and everyone was kept busy working on Flite Test

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models. Beny Jr. was the “star” instructor!

EAA/AMA Building Partnership:

I (Paul) will be looking into the possibility to work with the Local EAA chapter 80 here in Omaha, will also check to see if we can work with the Local Civil Air Patrol Wing. We will capture interest at the SAC Indoor event and also the June STEM event at Millard airport. Focus on ARFs and Flite Test models to get model planes in the air sooner. Check into use of UNO or Baxter facilities for building and/or indoor flying.

New Member Calling Tree

Tom G. will welcome and work with new member orientation and getting them in contact with the proper people for help in building, setting up and then flying their new models as needed.

Monday Night Flying

Skippy will work on getting this set up so you will be able to fly after dark on Monday nights. Planes will have to have LEDs on them. Upcoming repair workshop at Steve Farner’s house will include LED ideas.

Cook Out to thank City Workers

Rick H is going to make some contacts and find out when we can make this happen. More on this later.

New Business

SAC Museum indoor flying event: This will be held on January 18th from 10am to 3pm at the SAC Museum west of Omaha. Norris and Rick are handling the details and the Board Voted to allocate up to \$100 for 4 drawing to be held during the event, This is a way to get contact information and hopefully get us some new members. We will offer one free club membership as a prize.

STEM Engagement

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Millard airport event: Hague is asking for our ideas on how we can make aeronautics and STEM activities an ongoing learning process for youth. (See above EAA/AMA for ideas.)

Open House Assessment:

It was well attended, especially by wives. Everyone had a good time and there were plenty of goodies to go around, Board approved the expenditures of \$110 for the Certificates and Gifts that were given out to Luke (volunteer of the year), Cole (runway oversight, field work), and Dennis (food preparation for dozens of events over 5+ years).

Drone/UAS Safety Webinar

This was attended by Rick S. and Paul at the UNO conference Center on 12/17/19 in the afternoon

New Drone Rules are here to stay, but the FAA (Kansas City) acknowledged that we don't really have a problem as long as we continue to do what we are doing safely at our designated AMA/CBO field. There is a flying safety test upcoming, similar to a driver's license test. More on this later and a link will be sent out [for members to view this informative webinar](#).

Tentative Event Calendar for 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>\$ Up to</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
May 6	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	?	Dennis
May 13	Wed 9am-10am	Refresher instruction	8	Ron & Rick
May 20	Wed 9am-10am	Refresher instruction	8	Ron & Rick
May 23	Sat 10am-2pm	TAG/STEM Youth		Luke & Larry
May 30	<u>Sat</u> 9am-1130am	Float Fly	40	Tom V & Ron
June 3	Wed 9am-10am	Refresher instruction	8	Ron & Rick
June 10	Wed 830-1130	El Sailplanes	15	Dennis
June 13	Sat 10am-3pm ??	Millard STEM event		Hague H.
June 20	<u>Sat</u> 9am-noon	Old Timers	?	Dennis, Dick

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June 23	Tue 6-8pm	Float Fly tentative	0	Tom V
July 11	Sat 9am-1130	Float Fly	40	Tom, Ron, Dick
July 15	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	?	Dennis
July 18 ??	Sat 10am-2pm	Drone Fun Fly		Jeff P.
July 22	Wed 830-1130	El Sailplanes	15	Dennis
Aug 5	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	?	Dennis
Aug 8,9 Robert G.	Sat/Sun 8am-4pm	Pattern Contest		Bob W.,
Aug 12 ??	Wed 830-1130	Float Fly	40	Tom V & Ron
Aug 15	Sat 10am-3pm	AMA Aviation Day		TBD
Aug 19	Wed 830-1130	El Sailplanes	15	Dennis
Sept 7	Mon 11am-4pm	Labor Day		Ed P. etal..
Sept 12	Sat 830-1130	Float Fly	40	Tom V&Ron
Sept 16	Wed 830-1130	El Sailplanes Lunch	~15	Dennis
Sept 23	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	?	Dennis
Oct 18	Sun 10am-4pm	Auction		Kevin
		~ \$244		

Monday nights: (April –October) Night flying—dark until 10pm (LED lights required)
Thursday evenings: (April –September) Training 6pm to 8pm

More. On Wednesday mornings 9-10am, **other than above**, it is suggested some pilots also fly those Wednesdays, to insure that they will not be alone at the field for safety, etc.....

OT - At Old Timer & Sept 16 events, lunch will be available with a donation requested.

Refresher instruction is for those who have not flown recently, want help or are beginners.

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Float Flys - The budget includes \$15-20 to subsidize chase boats. However, at the last float fly, with Bob Turner doing the chase boat, he firmly said he didn't want any money for this. He had his boat/trailer fixed to go..... **June 23** depends on advance observation of other lake activities on Tuesday evenings.

2019 - Tom V used his weed eater again to cut grass, etc east of the parking lot & around dock area for pit areas..... City provided picnic tables for Float Flys (when needed given 2-3 days notice via e-mail to City Maintenance Foreman II, Bill Andersen)..... To avoid conflict, a kayaking club was notified via e-mail (woggworks@yahoo.com or 402-660-4819) in Jan -Feb when the FFs were scheduled. The City Parks scheduler, Brenda Paul, was also notified then of the float flys.)

DB – **Dec 16, 2019 (original)**

RBS 12/18/2019 (update)

Upcoming Events:

Indoor Flying: Thursdays 11am-1pm at Sports Center (144th & Giles), \$5

Grand Island Auction, January 12th

SAC Indoor Event: January 18th, 10am-3pm

Build/repair @ Steve Farner's garage (14813 Hanover St., Bennington, 68007):
January TBD 6pm-9pm.

Board Meeting: January 21st, 7pm, at church.

Member Meeting: January 31st, 7pm at church. Program: LIPO battery bunker, Flight Simulator hands on, airplane repair stations: covering, work bench set up.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Respectively Submitted

Paul Edmunds

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Program/Event Volunteers Needed:

1. Winter Monthly meeting program coordinators

January: LIPO battery bunker, Flight Simulator demos/hands on, airplane repair stations: covering, work bench set up

February: Transmitter training—break out groups: Spectrum, FrSky, Futaba, JR, others

March: Jet tips, gyros (use TV to show YouTube videos)

LED lights: how to install for night flyers

April: Use of new Website, overhead TV demo

2. 2020 Event Ideas:

Father, son/daughter

Timed fly competition

Biplane fun fly

“Monday Night Follies”

Flite Test Combat

Omahawks: 2020 Officer Election, November Member Meeting Minutes

Rick Sessions Mon, Dec 2, 10:03 AM

Fellow Omahawks:

Elections were held at the 11/22 meeting. Elected officers for 2020 are:

Rick Sessions (Pres.)

Luke Hughes (V.P.)

Paul Edmunds (Sec.)

Kevin Hyde (Treas.)

Board: Norris Hoover, Tom Gulizia, Rick Haneline, Skippy Haney

Field Chair: Cole Meyo

Congratulations to these elected officials. I know they take their responsibilities seriously and will continue to work hard to make your club membership fun,

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interesting, rewarding and at times exciting! We are particularly proud of our long-time support of Make-A-Wish!

Thank you to the extended leadership team for all your efforts this past year! At the risk of missing someone, special thanks to:

Dennis Bender: safety, airshow, electrical, TONS of meals and grilling! Tuesday B'fast rep. (Patty too!)

Joe Hunt: hours of News Letter work, new ideas, counsel

Kevin Hyde: hours of treasurer work, Auction, wise advice, club history, contracts

Kip Dirkschnider: airplane ideas, social media, Auction, enthusiastic club support

Ed Paasch: Labor Day airshow, humor, regular meeting attendance, wise insights, historical perspective

Cole Meyo: Field manager, Labor day, construction, runway supervisor

Tom Floyd: "go to" radio guy, wise advise

Larry McChesney: Labor Day sponsors,

Jacob Brown: Field mowing with TLC, input and ideas, passion for the sport

Hague Howey: meeting attendance and input, STEM initiative, wise counsel

Steve Farner: humor, wise counsel, EAA outreach, good friend

Dick Behrens: Events schedules, historian, field bull dog!

Bob Wheeler: safety enforcer, Labor Day work, wise advice, pattern contest

Mikey Furrow: web site work, training, club procedures/policies

Fred Wilke: wise advice, good ideas, training, "can do" attitude

Harry Perkons: training coordinator, wise advice, Labor Day

Bryan Weeks: training, Labor Day, hard worker

Jeff Pinnt: drone event, work at field

Ron Pacana: "go to" fix it guy, building guru, hard worker, training

Robert Clauss: club donations of kits, airplanes for raffle \$\$

and many more!! (P.S. I have made previous accolades to all the field improvement crew!)

Please contact any of the above leaders if you have any questions, comments or concerns about Omahawks. We ALWAYS take volunteers. For sure, we hope to see you at the field having fun!

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Have a good Holiday Season....hope to see you on 12/14 for the Holiday Appreciation Open House (more details to come).

Meeting minutes are below.

All the Best,
Rick Sessions

Need help with a build project? Please contact one of our Technical Advisors.

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Kit Building/Repair

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Ron Pacana rpacana@q.com

Test Pilot for Maidens/Repairs

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Extra Set of hands, inexperienced but willing to assist in all phases

Joe Hunt yovanguy@gmail.com

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Past events

Flite Test Build Event
December ????, 2019

Beny and son Beny graciously hosted a “[Flite Test](#)” based build event in their massive workshop in North Omaha. Flite Test kits are made from Dollar Tree type foam popularized by the Adams company. These planes go together very quickly and can be repaired with replacement foam board costing just one-dollar (20 inches by 30 inches) board and some hot glue.

About 15 folks attended the event. Rick Session’s brought a Speed built kit for persons to purchase, and other goodies; while others brought downloaded plans to build their planes from scratch.

There was a lot of folks learning new build technics, sharing experiences with others, many big flight (war) stories. In just two hours we saw several mostly completed planes, some painted and

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some repaired damaged planes as well, no names mentioned!!

Beny got a superb facility complete with large work areas, 3D Printer, and a laser cutter. OUTSTANDING!!

We appreciate Beny's hospitality, pop and cookies were served!



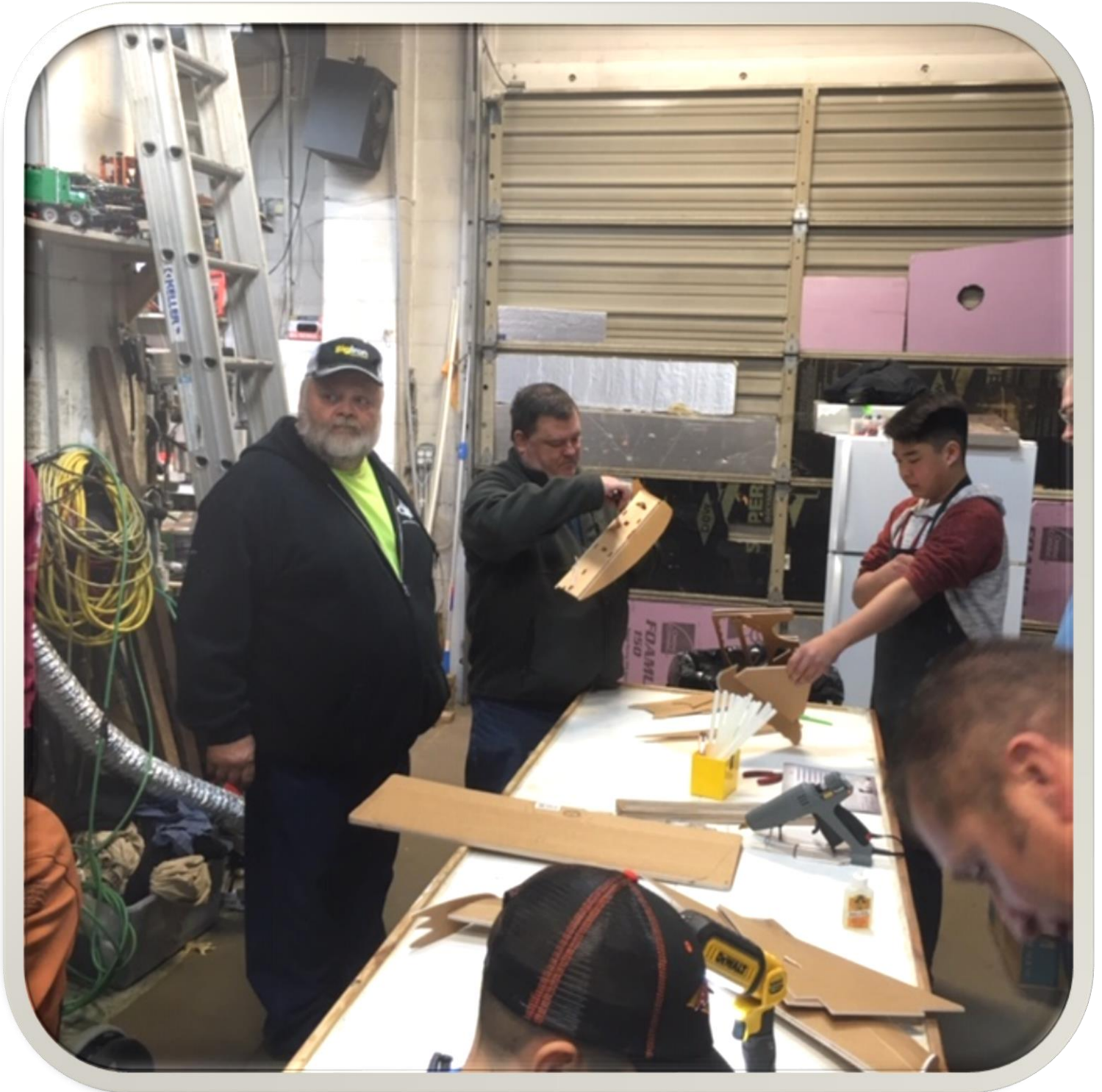
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Left to Right: Iain, Luke, Ethan, and Paul



Left to right: Foreground... Son Beny, Ed, Harry
Background: Ethan, and Luke

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**Left to Right: Foreground.. Ethan and Luke
Background: Harry, Ed P and son Beny**

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Left to Right: Paul E and Our Host Beny

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Left to Right: Cole, Harry and Jeff

Follow up to feature article “Where-O-Where is the Plane”
(from September Hawk Talk 2019)

In November, Paul Edmunds’ wife Cindy found my Sig Seniorita perched in the trees as shown in the below pictures, it was near where Ron P and I spent more than an hour searching for it, it was in the thick trees to the East of the Hawk Field Runway. Many months had passed and the trees had shed their leaves, so it was easier to spot I am guessing, nonetheless I am extremely grateful that Cindy found it. Rick and Tom graciously retrieved the plane before my arrival from the tree!!

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THANKS Guys!



The plane sustained almost no damage; the engine was seized but Ron got it unstuck!

I'll be working on getting it flight worthy again!

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Some covering on the main wing was torn!

Upcoming Events

- Breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning @ **Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha**
- Cobras Indoor Flying from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ **Community of Christ Church Gym, 140 W. Kaneshville Blvd. Council Bluffs IA.**
- Flying times will be 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on most Thursday's. Verify on Omaha Metro Area Club Schedule at bottom link below.
 - The cost is \$3.00 per day.
 - AMA Membership required.
- **First Flight – Jan 1, 2020 – 9:00 AM -- Rain, Snow or Whatever - Hawk Field**
- **SAC Museum RC Flying – Jan 18, 2020**

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- **January 21, 2020--7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Board Meetings **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St., Omaha**
- **January 24, 2020--7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – General Club Meetings **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St., Omaha**
- **February 18, 2020--7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Board Meetings **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St., Omaha**
- **February 28, 2020--7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – General Club Meetings **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St., Omaha**
- **March 17, 2020--7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Board Meetings **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St., Omaha**
- **March 27, 2020--7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – General Club Meetings **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St., Omaha**
- For a complete list of all the Omaha Metro Area upcoming events please follow this link: http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm

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